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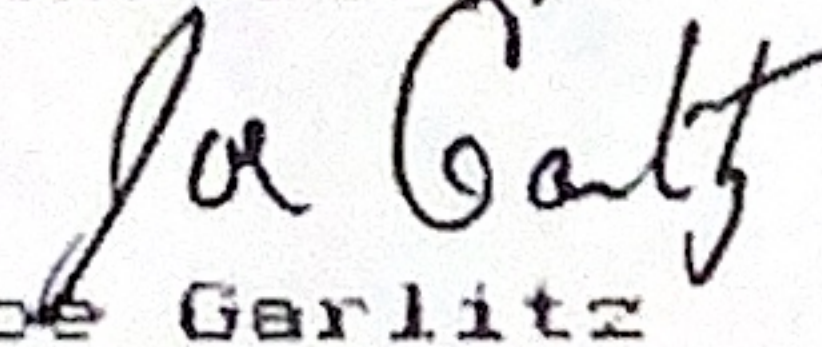
Dear Mr. Wilson,

On behalf of the City of Elgin, I am writing to request the inclusion of a project for the six year planning period currently under consideration. I regret that this was not brought to the attention of the Highway Division in a more timely manner. It was our misunderstanding that a project on Hiway 204 within the City was in the current plan.

The project we wish to be considered is Highway 204 from approximately Jones road, at the Boise Cascade Complex outside of Elgin, to the intersection of Highways 204 & 82 in down town Elgin. The road surface is in need of major repair. However, a more pressing need is the need to restore natural drainage of water. The highway makes a very shallow turn at 17th Street, in a 25 mph zone. This turn is banked as a high speed turn. The highway is elevated some 3 to 4 feet on the outside of the turn at 17th street and is elevated above the ground level for several blocks toward town, making the highway a dike to natural drainage. This causes pooling of water on private property and excess accumulation of water along the roadway. In addition to this, the highway encourages the high speed traffic for which the curve was designed, as well as being a general nuisance to the residents and businesses who use the parking along this portion of highway.

The City lacks the funds to ever attempt such a project. Therefore we are asking for this project to be included if at all possible. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,



Joe Garlitz
Recorder/Administrator